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PLACEMENT FIXTURE AND METHODS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

A stencil assembly for placing conductive elements over conductive pads accessible at a first surface of a microelectronic element includes a main body having a top surface and a bottom surface and a plurality of openings extending between the top and bottom surfaces, the main body being adapted for overlying the first surface of the microelectronic element so that the openings are in substantial alignment with the pads of the microelectronic element. The stencil assembly also includes a spacer element under the bottom